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**Byfield Area Management Plan**

Capricorn Conservation Council welcomes the release of the Byfield Area Management Plan which closes vehicle access to the Orange Bowl and the northern side of Corio Bay. We all know that the destructive behaviour at the Orange Bowl and surrounding dunes has to stop.

“However we are disappointed that it now legalises vehicle driving on the southern end of Three Rivers Beach (Five Rocks Beach). The success of the Plan will depend on four wheel drivers complying with a sign above the high water mark not to drive north to the Three Rivers area.” said Mr Herbert, vice president of CCC.

Implementing this Management Plan will require adequate resourcing of Qld Parks and Wildlife Service. “They will also need staff on the ground at weekends and overnight to enforce the rules”

“All beach driving, even on hard sand at low tide is destructive to creatures that depend on the beach for their survival. Those advocating unfettered vehicle access to all of Three Rivers Beach should understand that beaches are not roads, and that all driving on beaches is a privilege and not a right.”

“There are many in our community who intensely dislike walking on beaches and having to look out for vehicles. For instance, walking on Farnborough Beach, north of Bangalee, has become an unpleasant experience because of the vehicular traffic.”